



Reclaimed: Resetting the Table

Week two - "An Awkward Extravagance"

Luke 7:36-50 and John 13:6-17

Bottom line: Embracing the awkwardness of humility and forgiveness makes way for the extravagance of love and the presence of peace.

1. Share some of your most **awkward** experiences eating with other people.
2. Read Luke 7:36-50
 - a. Jenn described this dinner party as "**An uninvited woman with a reputation standing behind a group of sitting guests ugly crying...**" And that's before all of the stuff with her hair and Jesus' feet. If you had been a guest at this dinner party, how would you have felt in this moment? How might you have acted or responded?
 - b. What do you think made this woman so bold as to show up uninvited and do what she did?
3. Have you ever done or said something "extra" out of overwhelming gratitude?
4. Have you ever held back your feelings in the interest of not making yourself, or others, feel awkward? If so, do you regret having held back? Why or why not?
5. Read John 13:6-17
 - a. Jesus was about to do something unbelievably, and undeservedly, humiliating. How did the awkwardness of washing the disciples feet help them understand what he was about to do for them on the cross?
 - b. How is Jesus on the cross a demonstration of the extravagant love of God?
6. How do you express your gratitude to God for what Jesus did for you? Are you holding back? What would it look like to not hold back?

Meeting with a small group? Here is a Table Group guide so your group can make the most of this experience:

<https://ashleyridgechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Table-Groups.pdf>